

Dear Students and Parents!

It is almost time to register for the next school year. As you think about what classes you will enroll in, I would like to make you aware of an exciting opportunity available to you.

In the new global economy where the world is metaphorically flat, the ability to communicate in another language is becoming increasingly more valuable. Students who learn another language cultivate flexible thinking, improve their social skills, increase their cultural awareness, and develop a highly marketable skill. In short, there are thousands of great reasons to learn another language. There really is only one not to: *ignorance*.

There is of course great intrinsic value in learning any second language. **I would like to share several reasons why learning German at Timpview will be particularly valuable to you.** I encourage you to comparison shop and become fully informed as you plan your schedule for next year. **Most of all, 9th grade is the year to start a language at Timpview.**

WHY SHOULD YOU LEARN GERMAN AT TIMPVIEW NEXT YEAR?

1. Timpview German Students who begin taking German as a Freshman and continue on throughout their time in high school can earn 12 credits of college credit (German 1010, 1020, 2010) through UVSC Concurrent Enrollment. These credits can be transferred to BYU.
2. Timpview maintains an active exchange program with the Franziskaner School in Meissen, Germany. We visit Germany every other year for three weeks in June. You can begin to prepare for the exchange in June 2011 by signing up for German 1 this year. The price for the Exchange will be approximately \$2,000.
3. The Timpview Deutschbund club sponsors monthly activities and is a great place for students to get involved and have positive social experiences.
4. German is a particularly valuable language in the business world. Germany is the world's second leading exporter and fourth largest economy. An ever-increasing number of Utah companies do business in Germany. Germany is a world leader in pharmaceuticals, engineering, optics, auto manufacturing, tourism, education, scientific research, printing, and many other fields.
5. Timpview sponsors the Utah Kappa chapter of Delta Epsilon Phi, the national high school German honor society. Becoming a member of Delta Epsilon Phi can help you get into or earn a scholarship at the college of your choice.
6. Students can take German 1-5 at Timpview.
7. I am nationally board certified (www.nbpts.org) and use a communicative method in my teaching. All students are actively involved in learning German. Students actually learn German in my class. I also make it a point to use technology to enhance our learning environment.

I know that there are a lot of factors that go into choosing which language to learn. As the German teacher at Timpview, I promise you that I am dedicated to improving myself as a teacher and providing the best learning opportunities to my students. I love teaching German, and I want to make my class a positive academic and social learning experience for all of my students. If you would like more information about the Timpview German classes, please visit our website at www.timpview.provo.edu/German/ or call me at home at 801-489-1318.

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